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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN VIEW ON VIET-NAM-CAMBODIA CONFLICT

1. AUTHORITATIVE EDITORIAL ON VIET-NAM-CAMBODIA CONFLICT APPEARED
IN JANUARY 13 ISSUE OF OFFICIAL ROMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY NEWS-
PAPER SCINTEIA. TITLE AND SUBTITLE DESCRIBED THRUST: "VITAL
INTEREST OF VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIA PEOPLES ARE SEARCH FOR
PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY; MAY THE CONFLICT BE ENDED
AND THE REESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS OF UNDERSTANDING, GOOD
NEIGHBORLINESS, AND WORKING TOGETHER BE ASSURED." EDITORIAL
EXPRESSES "DEEP CONCERN" OF ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT OVER BORDER
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WAR AND CONCLUDES THAT, EVEN IF PROBLEMS ARE EXTREMELY DIFFI-
CULT, THEY SHOULD BE RESOLVED BY PEACEFUL MEANS, ESPECIALLY
SINCE BOTH COUNTRIES "ARE BUILDING THE SAME SYSTEM, ARE WORKING
FOR THE SAME IDEALS, AND HAVE PLACED POWER IN THE HANDS OF
THE WORKERS."

2. EDITORIAL ALSO STATES THAT "FOREIGN DOMINATION HAS LEFT IN

ITS WAKE (IN INDO-CHINA), AS IT HAS WHEREVER IT HAS OCCURRED IN THE WORLD, GRAVE AND COMPLICATED POLITICAL, TERRITORIAL, ETHNIC, SOCIAL, AND OTHER PROBLEMS," A PHRASE WHICH COULD EASILY APPLY TO SOVIET CONTROL OVER BESSARABIA.

3. COMMENT: EDITORIAL IS STUDIOUSLY EVEN-HANDED IN ITS TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF CONFLICT, AND COLONIAL, IMPERIALIST LEGACY IS REPEATEDLY CITED AS ROOT OF PROBLEM. NEVERTHELESS, SPECTACLE OF TWO "BROTHER" COMMUNIST STATES FIGHTING EACH OTHER IS DEEPLY DISTURBING TO ROMANIANS, AND GOR CAN BE EXPECTED TO EXERT WHAT LITTLE INFLUENCE IT CAN TO URGE BOTH SIDES TO NEGOTIATING TABLE.
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